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### **Award of Merit - Gabriella Szondy**

**Gabriella Szondy grew up in Adelaide in the 1960s, but moved to Europe in the 1970s, returning to South Australia eight years ago.**

**She worked in agriculture for 10 years in the South of France where farmers had respect for and preserved their heritage. She admired the stone-walled terraced orchards, farms, sheds and developed a heritage appreciation for the mills, menageries, distilleries and wineries.**

**In a move north for over 10 years, she worked on factory production lines in Germany and France as well as spending a few years in Austria, Italy, England, Switzerland and Hungary.**

**She gained academic qualifications with a BA in Modern Languages, History and Cultures from the University of Avignon, France, researching with particular interest the Industrial Revolution, its associated working conditions and social changes.**

**Later she gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Interpreting and Translating at the University of Bradford, England. She worked for Siemens Automation and Drives for 15 years as an interpreter for training courses and translating software and equipment manuals.**

**On return to Australia she works at Torrens Island Power Station where she manages asset data for equipment and maintenance.**

**Gabriella's active involvement in heritage conservation was triggered by seeing large-scale demolition of industrial and working heritage in South Australia in the name of 'development' and 'progress' in direct contrast to what she had witnessed over the decades living in France and Germany. In these places she saw heritage, including industrial heritage, being sensitively preserved, interpreted, valued, and adapted.**

**Gabriella is a member of the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH) and several local historical groups and has participated in community archaeology projects, such as the Port Adelaide Bond Store and North Arm Torpedo Station. Gabriella currently takes an active role as heritage monitor for rail conservation in South Australia, involving nominations for state heritage listing of historic railway infrastructure and lobbying for repairs and maintenance. Sites involved include Islington Railway Workshops, Murray Bridge Railway Precinct, Nurioopta Railway Station and Burra Goods Shed.**

**Gabriella also assists other groups, such as Engineering Heritage Australia and the National Trust of South Australia, in joint research and conservation submissions.**

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